

WOMEN RIOT FOR FOOD IN CITIES; RAILROADS ACTING

Stirred By Disorders in Crowded Sections, Rail Chiefs are Rushing Special Shipments to Needy Towns; Philadelphia Women Protest Raise in Prices

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Housewives of the crowded sections of the city, particularly of the East side, today continued their disorderly demonstrations against the high prices of food and many small riots occurred. The police suppressed the outbreaks in every instance where they grew serious. Women with babies in their arms marched as "pickets" back and forth in front of shops which they made the objects of their demonstrations, and intending purchasers were asked not to patronize these establishments.

City officials today asserted that a superficial investigation has failed to show what result, on the children, may be attributed to lack of sufficient nourishment caused by the high cost of food. Mayor Mitchell has instructed that there be an investigation to learn whether there is a basis for the complaints voiced at meetings that people are actually starving to death. The board of health reports that the death rate is lower than last year.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 22.—Disorders occurred today in sections of Philadelphia inhabited by foreigners, with demonstrations against dealers who have raised their prices. One woman was knocked down and her leg broken in a riot. The police dispersed the crowds all day.

A meeting, attended by hundreds of women, was held and a decision made to boycott the offending dealers. Pickets were established and purchasers were actually attacked when they refused to heed the warnings of the picketers.

FOOD RIOTS BY GREEKS; DISORDERS AT PIRAEUS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, England, Feb. 22.—A Reuters' despatch from Athens today reports that food riots have broken out among the workmen at Piraeus, the riots becoming so serious that shops and the customhouse were closed. The mobs looted grocer and butcher shops. Many have been arrested.

RAILROAD RUSH NOW MAY AVERT SHORTAGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—A threatened food and fuel shortage in many localities, caused by the congestion of cars and the shortage of freight facilities, seems averted now as the result of drastic orders to the railroads, cooperating with the Interstate Commerce Commission, to rush special shipments to needy towns and cities.

FOOD AND FUEL RUSHED TO FAMINE-STRIKEN CITIES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The food and coal crisis, which has attained sharp proportions in the last few days, has aroused the chiefs of the leading railroads of the East and yesterday it was announced that measures are being taken to meet the emergency, caused by a shortage of cars for transportation of necessities. Drastic precautionary measures are being taken and cars are being sent to points east of the Mississippi valley and as far east as Maine, where the shortage is being felt acutely. In the big cities, such as New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, the demand for coal almost as much as for food supplies, and coal and coke have been rushed to them as well as to 15 cities and towns of the Middle West.

WILSON'S PROBE WILL BE USELESS—FITZGERALD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The House began lining up today in a fight for and against President Wilson's request for a \$400,000 appropriation for a federal investigation of the high cost of living. Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the finance committee, announced today that he would fight the spending of this money on the ground that nothing can be accomplished.

German Pajamas International Complication!

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
HALLIFAX, N. S., Feb. 22.—The secretary to the German embassy, aboard the Danish liner Frederick VIII with the von Bernstorff party, is reported to be taking along as personal possessions 200 suits of pajamas, and it is said that each of the party have a large amount of cotton goods which are known to be scarce in Germany. The examiners will probably take the excess after they have made what they consider a proper allowance. The Germans are well supplied with gold, which will probably be exchanged for money in a form less useful to Germany just now.

Women of the Argentine republic are beginning to enter the business field.

AERO CLUB HEAD OFFERS SERVICE FOR RECRUITING

Alan R. Hawley Would Organize to Increase Fliers in American Army

The Aero Club of America, immediately after news was received that the break with Germany had taken place, offered its services to Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood. Its entire resources were placed at his disposal, and this was confirmed in a letter written by Alan R. Hawley, president of the club.

Regarding the present status of military aeronautics, Mr. Hawley said: "The National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, limits the number of army aviators for 1917 to less than 100. The law provides for the Aerial Reserve Corps, in which there can be an unlimited number of aviators, either civilians or military men."

"The National Defense Act also provides for the training of the militia and organizing and equipping, under the direction of the army, of as many aero squadrons as there are militia divisions. The aviation section of the army has about 36,000,000 of unexpended funds for aeronautical purposes."

"There are at present about 50 candidates for the Aerial Reserve Corps under training. There are about 50 militia officers trained or under training, and about 50 civilians and militia officers who should have trained and have applied or are ready to apply for admission in the Aerial Reserve Corps. There are, therefore, less than 200 aviators trained or training under the army's control."

"Believing that the Aero Club of America can best assist by securing recruits for the Aerial Reserve Corps, an appeal is being made by the club for recruits for both the flying and the mechanical side of the Aerial Reserve Corps, also for the operation of kite balloons and the training of advanced aviators in aerial gunnery, bomb dropping and operating aeroplane wireless. We will do all the detail work of registering the recruits, then will refer them to an officer to be appointed by you, who will order them before a board of physicians for medical inspection, who will pass upon their fitness for the air service, after which they will go before the examining board, which will pass upon their qualifications for any branch of the air service. After the recruit has been accepted, he is sent to one of the training schools, which can be Mineola for the Eastern, department or, if he is a mechanic, can be sent to either Mineola or one of the aeroplane factories for training."

"The authorities of the Aero Club of America will also be glad to assist in the preliminary training of recruits."

"For the advanced training, realizing that there are only half a dozen men in the United States who know anything about aeroplane guns, we have taken steps to secure three of the highest authorities on the subject, who, we feel, will be glad to place themselves at your disposal. Also realizing that there are only two or three authorities on wireless telegraphy from aeroplanes, we have taken steps to secure one of these authorities, and we have already accumulated some very important data regarding the employment of radio from aeroplanes, which can be printed and distributed, thereby giving the aviators a rudimentary knowledge of the subject. The same is true of aerial photography and other important phases of military aeronautics."

BRITISH DENY GERMAN CLAIM OF SEA LOSSES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, England, Feb. 22.—The British steamer Corso was reported today by Lloyd's agency to have been sunk. In the house of commons yesterday Sir Edward Carson stated that from February 1 to 18 the losses inflicted upon the shipping of the Entente and of neutral nations in the proscribed zones amounted to 304,000 tons sunk, in comparison with 223,000 tons sunk in the corresponding period in December last and 198,000 tons lost during the first 18 days of January.

During the period reviewed, from February 1 to 18, the admiralty has records of 40 encounters between British warships and German submarines, in the course of which several of the underwater fighters were captured and a number of others sunk. The particulars as to methods and exact numbers he did not care to make public at this time, he said.

While this statement was being made for the admiralty, the German minister of the navy was addressing the reichstag on the same subject, but putting an entirely different face on the situation. He asserted that the result of the campaign of the submarines so far had surpassed all expectations, and that the German raiders undersea were producing a feeling of panic in Great Britain.

He stated also that he had reason to believe that not one single submarine had been lost since the new policy was put into effect.

John Graham of Tuscola, Ill., wears a straw hat in winter, and goes barefooted from early spring to Christmas.

In the two years of its existence the Panama-California international Exposition was visited by almost 4,500,000 people.

BIG WHITE STAR VESSEL DECLARED BADLY CRIPPLED

Reports Brought By Passengers on Philadelphia; American Sailors Held By Germany Released, 'Tis Said; Break Between U. S. and Austria Believed Inevitable

(Associated Press by Cable)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Reports that the big White Star liner Celtic hit a mine on February 14 and was towed back to Liverpool, damaged, were brought to this port today by passengers aboard the American liner Philadelphia. They say that wireless calls summoned the Philadelphia to the aid of the Celtic. A troopship from Canada, also picking up the wireless calls, rushed to the spot where the Celtic was lying helpless and towed her back to port. Officers of the Philadelphia today refused to talk. White Star line officials declared no word of the explosion had been received by them.

The White Star liner Celtic (20,900 tons) was built by Harland & Wolff of Belfast, in 1901. Home port Liverpool.

AMERICAN SAILORS OF YARROWDALE RELEASED; GERMANY GETS ASSURANCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 22.—A Berlin despatch received here today says that the American sailors on the Yarowdale, held by Germany until the United States had demanded their release, have been freed, after Germany was informed officially that no German ships in the United States have been confiscated and no German crews interned.

MADRID, Spain, Feb. 22.—U. S. Consul James Gerard, late of the Berlin embassy, arrived with his party today, en route to the United States. He was met by representatives of the Spanish foreign office and by U. S. Ambassador Willard.

BREACH BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND U. S. THOUGHT SURE; VIENNA UPHOLDS BERLIN

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 22.—A Reuters' despatch from the Continent today says that Austria's reply to the United States is known in Berlin and that it declines to assent to the United States' attitude. The Frankfurter Zeitung predicts that a breach between the two countries is inevitable. The United States has asked Vienna for a clear statement whether Austria endorses Germany's plan of "unrestricted" naval warfare.

SWEDISH STEAMER, FIVE AMERICANS ABOARD, SUNK; TEN MINUTES FOR BOATS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The sinking of the Swedish steamer Skogland, by a Teuton submarine, has been officially reported to the state department by U. S. Consul Carl B. Hurst at Barcelona, Spain. The crew of the Barcelona landed at Tarragona. The submarine is said to have given the crew only ten minutes to take to the boats, before the vessel was sunk. Five Americans are said by Consul Hurst to have been aboard the Skogland.

SHIPPING MAN TALKS TO DANIELS; THOUGHT WISHES TO ARM VESSELS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—H. Franklin of the International Mercantile Marine today conferred with Secretary of the Navy Daniels and it is understood the conference was in reference to the navy furnishing guns for defense purposes to American merchant vessels.

"DAYLIGHT SAVING" BILL URGED UPON PARLIAMENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, England, Feb. 22.—The reintroduction of the "daylight saving" bill was unanimously recommended today by a committee of parliament. The committee urges that the plan for "turning the clock an hour ahead" should become effective in April instead of in May.

Line of March of Lantern Parade

Directors of the Japanese lantern parade which will be held this evening, state that it will form at Athletic Park, from where the parade will start promptly at 7:45 o'clock, reaching the bleachers erected for spectators in the Palace grounds about 8 o'clock. The route of march is as follows: From Athletic Park to Asia street. Thence on King street to Palace grounds. Through Palace grounds to Hotel street, where it will disband.

In Peru the woman who has to earn her living is looked down upon.

DOROTHY DIX IS GUEST AT MOANA

For her first vacation in 20 years, and that vacation in Hawaii, one of the foremost woman journalists in the United States is visiting in Honolulu. Under the formal, everyday name of Mrs. George Gilmer, the one on the Moana Hotel register, the visitor would be known here to few, but as Dorothy Dix, her popular pen name, her recognition would be instantaneous.

With her husband, Mr. George Gilmer of New York City, the writer came in the Great Northern Monday morning, slipped away into the cozy restaurant of the big beach hotel and prepared to live for a month for life's sake, nothing else.

"I have a vacation coming," she said to a reporter this morning, "and I am going to take a real one. I do not intend to write at all while here."

The prominent guest of Hawaii did not say, however, that her versatile pen would not dash off many a catchline of island life after she goes "back to the game again," as Bertan Bailey says.

Until recently Mrs. Gilmer has been with the Hearst Syndicate, doing the well known human interest features of a domestic relationship so dear to the woman's heart all over America. On the 15th of last month she signed with the Wheeler Syndicate, which turns out among many other features the Mutt and Jeff pictures, so popular to the Star-Bulletin readers.

With her husband, Mrs. Gilmer has fallen in love with Hawaii already, and although she intends to stay at least a month, she does not know whether she will ever go back.

"When I look about me in this wonderful land, with all its original settings as only Hawaii can boast, I feel as if half of my life had been lost," she sighed dreamily, and then in a more spirited tone exclaimed, "but I'll reclaim considerable of it before I leave."

Mrs. Gilmer started newspaper work when a mere girl for the New Orleans Picayune. Her work attracted William Randolph Hearst's attention and she has been with his papers nearly ever since, doing every sensational feature story that bobbed up in the United States besides her regular work and a monthly "Mirandy" story for the Hearst (monthly) magazine.

Japanese Parade Will Do Honor To Washington

Lantern Procession Tonight Furnishes Opportunity for Elaborate Floats

Patriotic incidents in the history of America are to a large part to supply the material for the floats which will be introduced by the different marching sections of the Japanese Lantern Parade this evening, of the annual, according to the advance announcements regarding the nature of the floats.

"George Washington Crossing the Delaware" is the subject which the first division has chosen for the float to lead this marching section.

The fabled incident of the chopping down of the cherry tree by the first president when he was a youngster is portrayed by the Japanese, a youthful son of Nippon taking the part of "Little George" and a cherry tree in full blossom serving as the fated tree. This is to be the story of the fifth division.

The sixth division will enter a warship illuminated by electric lights. A Rapid Transit car is to be the entry of the seventh division.

A Japanese cottage filled with children is to be the float feature of the tenth division.

No float will be entered by the eighth division, but a square block of marchers will be formed in a special section, all of whom will carry illuminated lanterns, illustrated with portraits suggestive of the holiday celebrated.

The Young Men's Buddhist Association is to have a float, but the members are keeping the nature of it a secret, as are many of the other marching divisions. It is expected that there will also be from 15 to 20 floats entered by the Japanese business firms of Honolulu.

In all there will be several thousand marchers in the lantern parade, which has grown to be the annual portion of the celebration of the national holiday in this city by the Japanese.

The Japanese lantern parade committee is as follows: T. Takakuwa, chairman; K. Wada, Y. Tasaka, D. Shimazu, K. Shibayama, M. Goto, K. Segawa, M. Nishigaya, M. Komeya, Y. Yoshikawa, T. Terada, Y. Yamana, T. Nishigushi and K. Soranaka.

FOUR KIDDIES SLAIN AFTER LIVES INSURED

SEATTLE, Wash.—Stewart, Arthur, Myrtle and Clarence, children of Mrs. A. F. Hewitt of Auburn, Wash., were found murdered in the ruins of the family home. Their skulls had been crushed by blows from a blunt instrument. The children, all of whose lives were insured last year, ranged in age from 5 to 10 years. A. J. Hewitt, the father, was arrested and hurried away to escape a mob.

One hundred and fifty aristocratic families of Spanish descent are said to govern Chile.

A new munitions factory in Canada has a waiting list of 700 women who are anxious to work.

MINERAL OUTPUT THREE BILLIONS

Three billion dollars was the value put upon the 1916 output of American mines in estimates made by Secretary Lane of the Geological Survey. The enormous production was accompanied by the greatest profits the mining industry of the country ever has known, copper alone netting about \$200,000,000.

The copper output was the sensation of the year in the mining world. At an average price of 27 cents a pound the 1916 production had a value of \$250,000,000, compared with \$243,000,000 the year before and \$198,000,000 in 1915. The profits were the greatest ever known in the metal.

Iron continued with copper for first place among the metals produced. Shipments of iron ore in 1916, it is estimated, amounted to \$175,000,000 in value, an increase of \$77,000,000 over 1915. The country's mines produced 77,500,000 gross tons, against 55,000,000 the year before. Production of pig iron during the year made a record with 30,000,000 tons, and iron ore in stock at the mines is put at 10,000 tons, a falling off of 3,000,000 tons since 1915.

The 1916 coal production also was the greatest ever known. The mines sold 597,500,000 tons, compared with 70,000,000, the record established in 1913. The quantity of bituminous coal mined was 509,000,000 tons, an increase of 68,500,000 over last year. The Pennsylvania anthracite production of 88,312,000 tons was a decrease of 600,000 tons.

The coke output in 1916 broke records. More than 25,000,000 tons of bituminous coke was manufactured, an increase of 27 per cent over the year before and 500,000 tons more than the record-breaking total of 1910.

Preliminary estimates indicate a per cent more crude petroleum was marketed in 1916 than in 1915. The total amount produced is put at 292,200,000 barrels.

The 1916 domestic output of quicksilver was valued at \$3,643,000, the greatest production in quantity since 1904, and the greatest in value since 1875. Figures for 1916 show an increase of 38 per cent in quantity and 99 per cent in value over 1915.

The value of spelter from United States ore in 1916 was \$150,000,000. The output of zinc increased 95,000 tons, making a new record for the metal. Lead also shows a large increase, the \$75,000,000 output representing a gain of 50 per cent.

EXPECT HIGHER SUGAR PRICES

The San Francisco Examiner of February 4 says:

The sugar producers of the Hawaiian Islands and representatives of the local refineries voiced their belief yesterday that the result of the breaking of relations with Germany could scarcely fail to bring about a marked advance in sugar. Henry St. George phrased the universal opinion as follows:

"I have not the slightest doubt that the raw sugar market will advance. The demand for this staple will not only develop through the natural increase of public consumption, but a campaign of military preparedness will result in heavy purchases of sugar. Presumably the exportation to England, France and Russia will be heavier than ever, since a larger tonnage will be available to carry sugar abroad."

"I am referring to the German vessels interned in this country, for most likely the next step of our government will be to take these over, thereby affording increased facilities for transportation and probably lower freight rates."

"Lower freight rates will mean lower prices in the three countries which I have just mentioned. All of them are getting along now with just as little sugar as possible, because the prevailing price of sugar in England, France and Russia is prohibitively high."

"Importations from America of granulated sugar in large quantities will tend to reduce the cost of living in the warring nations, and as sugar is generally recognized as one of the most nourishing of foods, presumably larger sugar rations will be issued to the troops in the trenches."

"Here is a fact which is not generally known. During the last few months the independent plantations of the Hawaiian Islands have shipped large consignments of sugar to Russia, and naturally this sugar has brought a much higher price than could be obtained in the American market."

"Again, England has contracted to export from Cuba within the next six weeks 300,000 tons of raw sugar."

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AUSTRALIA GAINS IN SUGAR OVER ESTIMATE

Under the date of December 7 the Australian Sugar Journal gives the following review of the 1916 sugar crop in Australia: "The general superabundance of sugar, experiment stations recently stated that the sugar crops had made some fine growth during the past six months, due to the open winter and moist spring, that the estimated amount of sugar which should have been produced this season, had all the mills worked through out the crushing period, was 204,000 long tons."

"This largely exceeds the estimates formed earlier in the year, and would have ranked as the fourth largest crop on record. With the New South Wales crop it would, however, still have left a shortage of 36,000 tons of sugar. Unfortunately, the shutting down of all the mills below Townsville for a period of two months and over will, in all probability, reduce the output to some 177,000 tons. This with about 20,000 tons manufactured in New South Wales, will leave the total deficiency at about 63,000 tons, which will have to be imported."

"This amount may be lessened if the season allows some of the mills to continue operations after Christmas; but, on the other hand, the low sugar content of the cane this year may, to some extent, counteract any advantage so gained. It is, therefore, quite impossible to say what the actual shortage will definitely be until this year's crushing is completed."

Maurence Snyder of Troy, N. Y., was drowned when he lost control of a motor iceboat on which he was riding and the machine ran into open water.

Fire destroyed the 2d Regiment armory of the New York National Guard at Troy, N. Y., at a loss of \$500,000.

Articles of incorporation were filed at Albany of Bonbright & Co., Inc. of New York, with a capital stock of \$500,000.

An order was issued by the Public Works Rapid Transit to rebuild its tracks on Nostrand avenue between Flatbush avenue and Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

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